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SUBJECT: SANKEI TELEPHONE POLL ON LAROCQUE CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

SUMMARY: OCTOBER 11 SANKEI PUBLISHED RESULTS OF TELEPHONE POLL CONDUCTED OCTOBER 9 WITH 998 TOKYO-OSAKA RESPONDENTS REGARDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN JAPAN. (A) PLURALITY (45 PERCENT) SUSPECTED THAT U.S. MIGHT HAVE BROUGHT NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO JAPAN. (B) PLURALITY (46 PERCENT) FELT THAT AS RESULT OF LAROCQUE'S CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY THEY BECAME DISTRUSTFUL OF EXPLANATIONS MADE BY EITHER USG OR GOJ TO EFFECT THAT NO NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAD EVER BEEN BROUGHT INTO JAPAN. (C) MAJORITY (75 PERCENT) DID NOT FEEL CONVINCED OF GOJ EXPLANATION THAT"UNDER PRIOR CONSULTATION CLAUSE OF JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY TREATY, U.S. IS OBLIGED TO CONSULT IN ADVANCE WITH JAPAN WHEN IT WANTS TO BRING ATOMIC WEAPONS INTO JAPAN, AND SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO CONSULTATION ON THIS MATTER U.S. HAS NOT BROUGHT ANY ATOMIC WEAPONS IN." (D) A LARGE MAJORITY (77 PERCENT) WERE SUSPICIOUS OF USG ASSURANCES EXPRESSED IN CONNECTION WITH LAROCQUE TESTIMONY THAT IT WOULD CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY TREATY AS IT HAD BEEN DOING. (E) MAJORITY (62 PERCENT) HELD THAT JAPAN SHOULD NOT DEVIATE FROM ITS THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF NOT MANUFACTURING, OR POSSESSING, OR BRINGING IN ANY NUCLEAR WEAPONS, ALTHOUGH JAPAN DEPENDS ON AMERICA FOR ITS SECURITY. END SUMMARY.
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1. DO YOU FEEL THAT AMERICA HAS SO FAR BROUGHT NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO JAPAN?

(A) FEEL IT HAS 45; (B) FEEL IT MAY HAVE BROUGHT IN 41; (C) DO NOT FEEL IT HAS 4; NA 10.

2. MR. LAROCQUE, A RETIRED U.S. NAVY ADMIRAL TESTIFIED BEFORE CONGRESS SAYING: "U.S. WARSHIPS DO NOT UNLOAD THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONS BEFORE ENTERING JAPANESE OR OTHER FOREIGN PORTS" -- WHICH WAS TANTAMOUNT TO AFFIRM NUCLEAR WEAPONS BEING BROUGHT INTO JAPAN. WHAT DID YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS TESTIMONY?
(A) A SERIOUS SHOCK TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN OPPOSED TO BRINGING IN OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS 16; (B) HAVE BECOME DISTRUSTFUL OF EXPLANATIONS MADE BY BOTH USG AND GOJ 46; (C) DO NOT BELIVE SUCH THING BECAUSE USG HAS NOT DEFINITELY APPROVED HIS TESTIMONY 7; (D) IT WAS NOT OF ANY SPECIAL SURPRISE TO ME BECAUSE I HAVE SENSED SUCH POSSIBILITY 27; (E) OTHER 2, (F) NA 2.

3. GOJ HAS EXPLAINED SAYING: " UNDER PRIOR CONSULTATION CLAUSE OF JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY TREATY, U.S. IS OBLIGED TO CONSULT IN ADVANCE WITH JAPAN WHEN IT WANTS TO BRING ATOMIC WEAPONS INTO JAPAN, AND SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO CONSULTATION ON THIS MATTER U.S. HAS NOT BROUGHT ANY ATOMIC WEAPONS IN." ARE YOU CONVINCED OF SUCH EXPLANATION BY GOJ, OR ARE YOU NOT?

(A) CONVINCED 9; (B) NOT CONVINCED 75; (C) DK 16.

4. CONCERNING LAROCQUE TESTIMONY CASE, USG SAYS THAT IT HAS ADHERED TO PLEDGES STIPULATED IN JAPAN-U.S. SECURITY TREATY AND WILL REMAIN SO IN FUTURE. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS?
(A) WILL ADHERE TO PLEDGES 15; (B) DOUBTFUL WHETHER IT WILL ADHERE TO PLEDGES 77; DK 8.

5. ALTHOUGH JAPANESE POSITION IS BASED ON THREE BASIS PRINCIPLES AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS, SOME PEOPLE THINK THAT BRINGING NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO JAPAN CANNOT BE HELPED SINCE JAPAN DEPENDS ON AMERICA FOR ITS SECURITY. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS?
(A) SHOULD NOT DEVIATE FROM THREE BASIS PRINCIPLES 62; (B) BRINGING IN OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS CANNOT BE HELPED 23; DK 15.
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